

Palliative Care Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 14, 2014
9:30 AM

Connecticut Hospital Association
110 Barnes Road, Wallingford, CT

I. CONVENE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Elizabeth Keyes, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Department of Public Health.

The following committee members were present: Joseph F. Andrews, Patricia Trotta, Diana Cameron, Colleen Mulkerin, Karen Mulvihill, Wendy Furniss, Cynthia Roy, James Protta, Barbara Morrison, and Susan Richter

The following committee members were absent: Victoria Odesina, Renee C.B. Manworren, and Biree Andemariam

The following members of the public were present: David Reynolds, Lisa McCooey, Bryte Johnson and Chris Santasiero

II. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

The members of the council and the members of the public introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E. Keyes noted an error in the minutes for January 6, 2014. Under "III. Review of Advisory Role/Discussions", where the minutes state "Meetings will be held at CHA-every other Tuesday", that should be "Meetings will be held at CHA-every other Friday."

W. Furniss made a motion to change "Tuesday" to "Friday" as indicated.

B. Morrison seconded the motion.

The amendment was adopted.

K. Mulvihill made a motion to adopt the minutes as amended.

W. Furniss seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved.

IV. ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

W. Furniss nominated C. Mulkerin to serve as chairperson.

J. Andrews seconded the nomination.

Remarking on the motion: C. Mulkerin

No other names were put in nomination. E. Keyes declared the nominations closed.

C. Mulkerin was elected chairperson by acclamation of the members.

V. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Working definition of Palliative Care

Remarking were W. Furniss, K. Mulvihill, P. Trotta, C. Santasiero, J. Andrews, C. Mulkerin and B. Morrison

After much discussion of various definitions, J. Andrews moved and K. Mulvihill seconded a motion to adopt definition #8, plus the diagram from the ANA's Scope and Standards of Practice for Palliative Nursing, plus excerpts of definition #5. The motion passed unanimously. Attached is a draft of this definition, which will be posted on the DPH website after approval by the Advisory Council.

2. Survey of Healthcare entities

Remarking were W. Furniss, B. Morrison, K. Mulvihill, C. Roy, P. Trotta, C. Santasiero, D. Cameron, C. Mulkerin, J. Andrews

At the April Council meeting, detailed discussion of which entities to survey and specific phrasing of survey questions will be discussed.

3. Commissioner's Discussion Items

Remarking were W. Furniss, C. Santasiero, J. Protta, B. Morrison, K. Mulvihill, D. Cameron, C. Roy, D. Reynolds, C. Mulkerin and P. Trotta.

Many ideas about public education were mentioned and will be further discussed in April. Coordination of practitioner education could occur with DPH's MOLST Advisory Group. Besides the working definition, developing a fact sheet about advance care planning was discussed.

4. Next Steps

The next meeting will be on Friday, April 11 10:00 AM at the Connecticut Hospital Association

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comment.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: J. Andrews

Second: W. Furniss

At 10:45 AM the meeting was adjourned.